

Amendments to the Specification

TITLE

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

DATA COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD
FOR TRANSMITTING DATA BASED UPON A RECEIVED INSTRUCTION

ABSTRACT

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract (for convenience, a clean version of the replacement Abstract as amended below is found on the following page):

~~An object of the invention is to reduce~~ A data communication apparatus and method for reducing a load to on a mail server by transmitting image data based on the contents of an electronic mail, ~~in~~ by a method other than the electronic mail. ~~In order to achieve the object, there is provided a~~ The data communication method performed by the apparatus comprising comprises an input means for inputting the image data, a storage means for storing the inputted image data, a mail transmission means for transmitting predetermined-format data concerning the inputted relating to the image data, as the by electronic mail, ~~a recognition means for recognizing an instruction received from a transmission destination to which the electronic mail was transmitted, and a transmission means for transmitting the stored image data, in the~~ by a method other than the electronic mail on the basis of the contents of the instruction ~~recognized by the recognition means.~~